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K-State chief speaks to agribusiness group

By Beth Gaines-Riffel,
Editor

In only his second week on the job as the 13th president of Kansas State University, the only land-grant college in the state, Dr. Kirk Schultz, commented that he hoped it would be nothing like the first week.

"I've talked to a lot of media," he noted in reference to the recently released audit of KSU done by the Kansas Board of Regents. "I'll answer any questions — except those in regard to coaching contracts," he said, bringing a bit of levity to the room.

Schultz noted that it has been the method used by those who select presidents at Kansas State to "hire 'em young and keep them for a long time."

Schultz's remarks were made to the Wichita Agribusiness Council's regular luncheon meeting.

It was recently announced that the Council has become one of the banner sponsors of the Kansas Junior Livestock show held each September at the Kansas Coliseum.

Schultz told the group that he is a second generation academian; his father was on staff at Old Dominion. "I was a campus brat, growing up," he said.

While he got his academic start at Virginia Tech, another land grant institution,



Dr. Kirk Schultz, President of Kansas State University, shared his philosophy and approach for providing leadership to the school during a luncheon meeting of the Wichita Agribusiness Council.

his most recent post had been at Mississippi State.

According to Schultz, the similarity to the two institutions — in student populations, philosophy and degree programs offered — were remarkably similar.

"You could almost pick them up and switch them and not recognize the difference," he said.

He added that he felt that part of the role of Kansas State University is to help the state be successful. "We want to lift the state and ed-

ucate our young people so that they want to stay here and make a difference."

Part of the process of developing a future plan for the institution is gathering insight from the alumni, staff, students and business community that hire KSU graduates. Schultz noted that couple of documents will in time be posted to the internet and he hoped that people would take the time and opportunity to provide feedback and information.

"We need to know what

made your KSU experience unique," Schultz explained. "We don't want to get rid of the things that have made us what we are."

He also noted that from the information gathered, a set of quantifiable goals for the university would be established.

"We need the investment of people saying 'that's where we want to go.'"

One of the newest and maybe most notable changes coming to the university campus is the impending arrival of NBAF.

Schultz believes that this new facility will be a dynamic force that attracts national and international experts to Manhattan to work and to develop research-related businesses in the region.

"NBAF is going to be something that people are going to say, 'if Kansas State can do that, what could they do with this?'"

When questioned about concerns about keeping higher education, Schultz answered that he sees it as a real concern. He also said that there has been a "creep" over the years that has found students having a tendency to take fewer hours each semester than prescribed in their degree programs. "They are focusing more on getting a higher grade-point average rather than getting out in four years," he said.

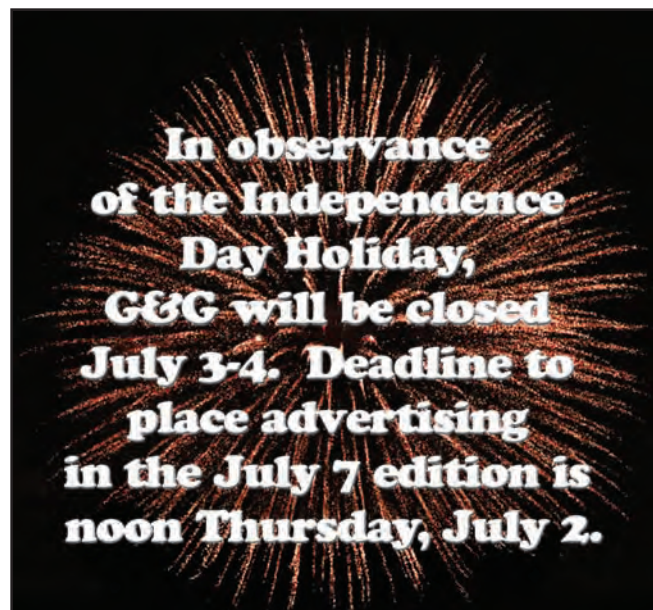
Tool to track harvest and quality of grain released

Wheat harvest across Kansas has commenced. The Grain Science and Industry Department at Kansas State University has a new program that will allow interested parties the ability to track harvest and wheat quality as soon as the data is available. Until recently, wheat harvest data such as protein content, test weight and flour characteristics were made available at the end of harvest by various organizations.

As part of its newly developed Quality-Based Commodity Marketing program, K-State Research and Extension, in partnership with the International Grains Program, Kansas Wheat and the Kansas Grain and Feed Association, will work with local grain elevators across Kansas to make the data available as soon as testing occurs. Participating local elevators will submit wheat samples and the testing will occur at K-State's Wheat Quality Laboratory and the Kansas Grain Inspection Laboratory.

Once the samples have been tested and the data has been entered, GIS mapping technology developed by K-State's Department of Geography, will allow interested parties to

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If looking for profits, ranchers should do homework first

By Laura Nelson

As a cowherd operator, you can produce a quality calf. The feedlot manager knows what it takes to finish that calf on feed so it can earn carcass premiums.

Combine the two sides as partners or retain ownership and the opportunities for herd improvement and profit may just multiply. But this equation only balances when

you meet your "perfect" cattle feeding counterpart.

There are thousands of feedlots, and hundreds could work for you, so finding the best partner can be a problem, especially the first time. Once you add up your needs, however, that formula should narrow the field. Finding the answer will lead to more math, but the feedlot and carcass data can help make the herd more predictable and add dollars to your bottom line.

Rather than selling calves or backgrounded feeders for a commodity price, partnering or retaining ownership with a feedlot lets you enter a new world of price discovery. Finished cattle may be sold through value-based, "grid" markets that pay on the individual carcass merit of each animal. That opens the door to selling branded beef and producing carcasses that fit a niche market.

Meanwhile, you can track individual calf performance and progress on feed. Feedyards can report rates of gain and feed efficiency as well as carcass data.

"For cow-calf producers who want information to take back to the ranch for



Gary Fike advises ranchers to get advice from neighbors and those who have had success in feeding before placing cattle.

their sire selection and cull-cow programs, this data is so critical," says Mark Sebranek, manager of Irsik and Doll Feedyard, a 32,000-head yard near Garden City. "That carcass information tells a lot of stories producers can't get any other way."

The drawback to retained ownership is the initial financial re-arranging.

"One of the toughest deals we run into with first-time feeders is that they have their money set up at home with their bankers for payment at certain times of the year," Sebranek says. "Selling fat cattle instead of feeders changes when you get money to your banker by several months."

Income taxes are another

concern, as that transition can span across two calendar years. The solution may be found in partnerships on a pen basis, sharing a percentage of ownership. The financial compromise can let you sell enough interest in the calves to cover loan payments and split income across tax years.

Fifty-fifty is the most popular arrangement, but some feedyards will consider any percentage.

Dan Loy, Iowa State University feedlot management professor, says it's especially useful for first-time feeders. "Partnering on a pen of cattle gives producers confidence that the feedlot is willing to share in both the risks and rewards of a retained ownership relationship," he says.

Many feedlots also take on some banking functions, financing cattle, feed, transportation and other expenses at competitive interest rates with no payments due until finished cattle are sold, according to beef cattle specialists with CAB. Paul Dykstra and Gary Fike say these services can be necessities.

"Without the right financing scenario, it may not even be feasible to retain owner-

ship," Dykstra says. "But partnering is one of the surest ways to establish trust."

Once you decide to establish that link to cattle feeding, it's time to formulate that list and find a feedlot partner you can trust, Fike says. The first variable to consider in this formula is hard to quantify: feedyard reputation.

You can ask Extension agents, veterinarians and cattle feed nutritionists, work through feeder and rancher associations or browse the web. You could take a more personal approach.

"Ask for recommendations from your neighbors, friends and other people with the same type of cattle and experience in feeding," Fike suggests. "Ask about the yards and managers they are comfortable with and that have a record of consistent performance."

Sebranek gladly provides references. "If I know someone in your area, I'll ask my customers if they mind new customers calling them, because they want to see what their cattle can do here."

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Over the Barn Gate

By Beth Gaines-Riffel

The old adage, hotter than a firecracker certainly has been true this past week. While the heat has been tottering on the brink of real danger for livestock and their human caretakers, it has provided the conditions that allowed wheat producers to make big progress getting the 2009 crop from the field to the elevator in good shape.

The hot weather also points to the upcoming Independence Day holiday. It is one of my favorite celebrations annually, although through the years, I've spent the holiday doing harvest chores or helping to put up hay rather than taking in the local festivals being offered.

Independence Day is a lot of things to a lot of people. It certainly is a moment to recognize the basis of our country — the freedoms we enjoy and the ability to make our lives as we choose. It is also paramount to realize that those freedoms didn't come without a price. Price paid with the blood of soldiers who were sent by this country to fight foes who sought to change or hamper those precious freedoms.

I have always liked this patriotic piece performed by Johnny Cash. At the core it represents what many Americans believe. But, when you look beyond the meaning at the surface, there is also a great deal that applies to rural America. The notion of the flag being a little ragged, but still proudly flown is certainly applicable to those little places so many G&G readers call home.

We may not have a 24-hour pharmacy on the corner, or even a Starbucks to gather at. But what we do have is worth keeping alive. We have neighbors who step up to the task of harvesting a crop for an ailing friend. We have streets that are safe enough that a child can be sent to borrow a cup of sugar. And we have the ability to laugh at ourselves as we gather to celebrate the holiday with our own little home-grown festivals that bring the young and old together for a little fun. All things worth preserving, in my mind.

That said, I hope you'll take a little time to celebrate our Independence this weekend, it'll be time well spent. That's all for now. I'll chat with you next week, "Over the Barn Gate!"

RAGGED OLD FLAG

By Johnny Cash

I walked through a county courthouse square,
On a park bench an old man was sitting there.
I said, "Your old courthouse is kinda run down."
He said, "Naw, it'll do for our little town."
I said, "Your flagpole has leaned a little bit,
And that's a Ragged Old Flag you got hanging on it."
He said, "Have a seat," and I sat down.
"Is this the first time you've been to our little town?"
I said, "I think it is." He said, "I don't like to brag,
But we're kinda proud of that Ragged Old Flag."

"You see, we got a little hole in that flag there
When Washington took it across the Delaware.
And it got powder-burned the night Francis Scott Key
Sat watching it writing — Oh Say Can You See —
And it got a bad rip in New Orleans
With Packingham and Jackson tuggin' at its seams."


"And it almost fell at the Alamo
Beside the Texas flag, but she waved on through.
She got cut with a sword at Chancellorsville
And she got cut again at Shiloh Hill.
There was Robert E. Lee, Beauregard, and Bragg,
And the south wind blew hard on that Ragged Old Flag."

"On Flanders Field in World War I
She got a big hole from a Bertha gun.
She turned blood red in World War II
She hung limp and low by the time it was through.
She was in Korea and Vietnam.
She went where she was sent by her Uncle Sam."

"She waved from our ships upon the briny foam,
And now they've about quit waving her back here at home.
In her own good land she's been abused — She's been burned, dishonored, denied and refused."

"And the government for which she stands
Is scandalized throughout the land.
And she's getting threadbare and wearing thin,
But she's in good shape for the shape she's in.
'Cause she's been through the fire before
And I believe she can take a whole lot more."

"So we raise her up every morning,
Take her down every night.
We don't let her touch the ground
And we fold her up right.
On second thought I DO like to brag,
'Cause I'm mighty proud of that Ragged Old Flag."



The Learning Post

By Gordon Morrison
Concordia Rancher and
Former Agriculture Educator

Love Is In The Air

Almost any time we drive or walk down our driveway (about a fifth of a mile) to the road, we see five to eight rabbits, which are often in pairs. Each month the number seems to grow, and lately more and more little ones are showing up. The swallows have returned, and again mud nests are appearing on every ledge wherever they are allowed to stay. There are eggs in some of them and young birds in others. My four-wheeler scared up a big flock of very young prairie chickens. Then I saw two large adults trying to get them to regroup.

Bonnie, our young mare, had a stud colt six weeks ago. It is a joy to watch the care and attention she gives it. The six bulls on the ranch are working hard, doing their job. The breeding season is in full swing. When swathing the alfalfa, several turkey nests were exposed with from one to three eggs displayed. Occasionally a big turkey hen would fly up just ahead of the swather, hating to abandon her nest. A killdeer placed her eggs among the rocks in the driveway. She never tires of going through her broken wing episode, trying to lure me away from her nest.

The two coyote pups left alone at the den just looked at me in curiosity, apparently waiting for mom or dad to return with a rabbit meal. While swathing, I saw field mice and rats hurry out of the path of the swather, scurrying to safer territory. No doubt, I disturbed many families, whether rabbits, birds of many species, rodents, or millions of insects — not purposely but because I needed to put out the alfalfa.

When fishing at the pond, we find some bass are 19 inches long

and some schools of bass and bluegill are fingerlings in size. Everywhere one looks, the process of reproduction is taking place. It is fascinating to observe this aspect of the animal kingdom. The different species have their own special ways for courting and mating, they are quite successful in rearing families that greatly increase their numbers, of which many may become a meal for the predators.

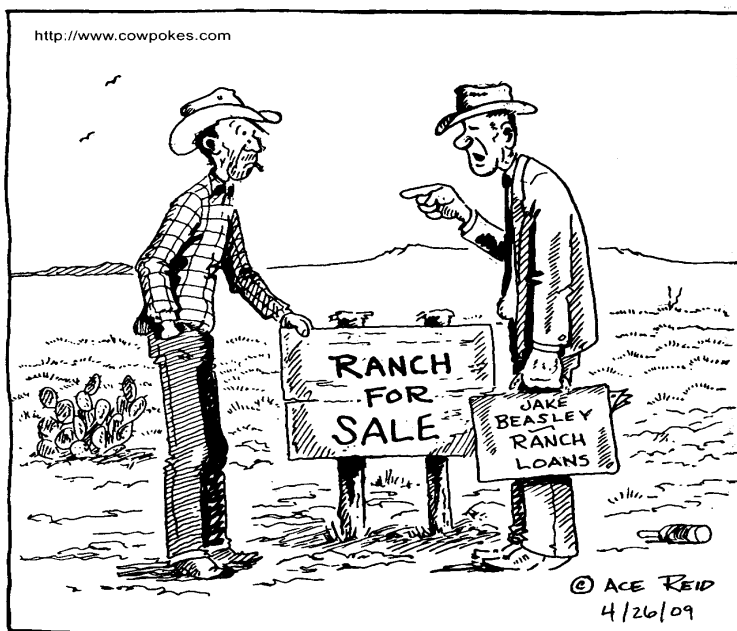
It seems that all creatures are endowed with hormones that kick in at just the right time in maturity and season that causes a population explosion every spring. Thus, each year there is a harvest of wildlife and also domestic animals that provides food for the prey as well as sport and nourishment for humans.

When we study the reproduction cycle of all the animal kingdom and the human race, we see there is a great desire to have a mate, which is the catalyst that brings about families that are to populate our planet Earth. It is truly amazing how such a wise God devised such a wondrous plan of reproduction so perfectly. It is also amazing how man in all his peculiar ways can mess it up, thinking he has a better way. The balance of nature, when left alone, works very well but can be made dysfunctional when man's schemes, greed, and ignorance are allowed to manifest themselves.

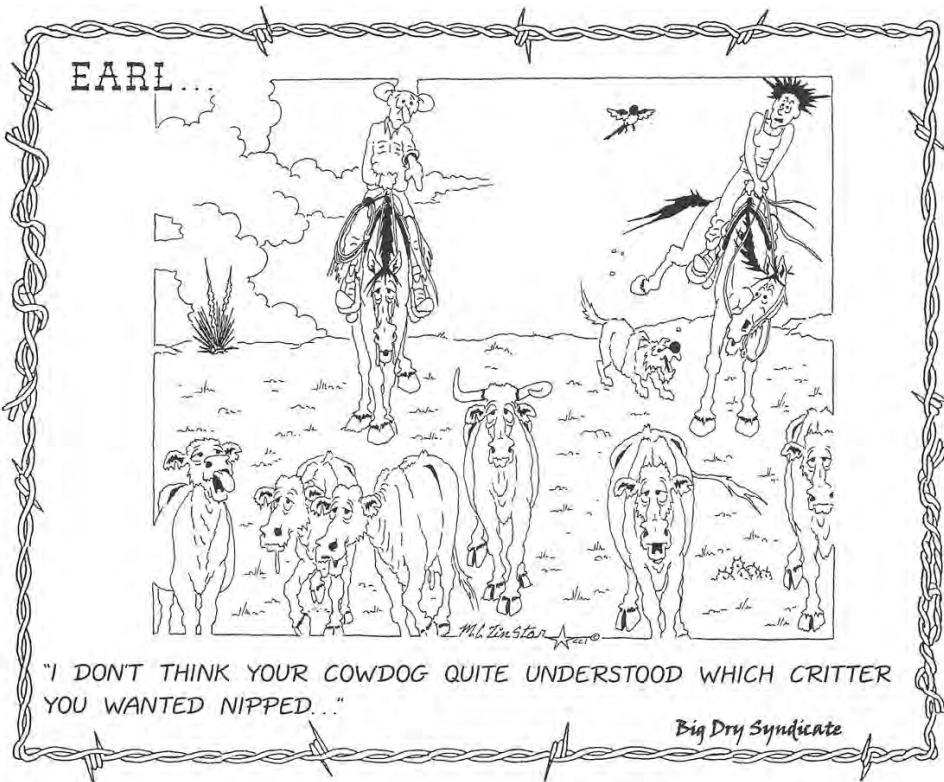
Have you noticed that most species do not prey upon one another? While there sometimes are exceptions, generally they support and encourage others of their kind. It is only man that goes to war to kill and maim millions of his own kind. Isn't that strange?

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By Ace Reid



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Don't rush into cattle feeding venture without doing homework

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Establish special marketing needs and exactly what you expect, Dykstra recommends. "If you age-and-source verify or raise natural animals, make sure the feedlot will capture those premiums and aggressively pursue all marketing opportunities for your cattle," he says.

Some yards will return data on pens of cattle only; others will provide individual animal data. Make your data needs clear from the start, and get a firm commitment from the manager.

"The feedlot should be experienced in accessing carcass data, so it's part of the normal business of the lot," Dykstra says. "If a manager says, 'We can sure try to get you some carcass data,' that's not good enough. It's already clear

he's not sure about it."

Feedlot performance may be of more immediate concern, Loy says.

"A feedyard must provide the services a producer thinks are important, and they have to do it in a cost-effective way," he says. To show what they can do, feedlot managers should provide detailed performance reports, closeouts that explain yardage and feed charges, chute fees, typical medical costs and any other financial obligations.

Producers should ask to see closeouts that exemplify cattle similar to their own size, type and background.

Itemized charges and fees vary from yard to yard, so don't worry about the small things, Loy advises.

"You may be comparing different costs on kind of an apples-to-oranges basis," he

says. "Focus on comparing the bottom line and total cost of production."

When the numbers add up, the only decision left is that first one: who can you trust? Sebranek says, "If you're not comfortable with a feedyard, then it's not going to work, no matter if they do a great job for you or not."

Personal visits will convey a feeling for the feedlot's maintenance, animal treatment and staff integrity. "We're in the people business as well as the cattle business," Loy says. "One thing about cattlemen is they have a sense about business relationships, and many times they just need to go with their instincts. They need to find people they trust, and if something doesn't seem right at a feedlot, it probably isn't."

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Maps give insight into crop quality

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view wheat quality data by region across Kansas on the K-State Grain Science and Industry's department website, www.grains.ksu.edu. In addition, several wheat producers representing various growing regions across Kansas have agreed to participate in frequent updates as harvest progresses.

"These interviews will

provide an on-the-ground perspective from wheat producers during harvest and provide additional interpretation to the data reflected in the survey," said Mark Fowler, associate director of the International Grains Program. Having immediate access to wheat quality data will help grain purchasing agents determine their decisions regarding commodity purchasing and will help many international buying

agents in foreign countries. "We're excited about the collaboration between the participating organizations as we launch this new initiative to report on the quality of the Kansas wheat harvest in a near real-time format," said Leland McKinney, Extension state leader in grain science.

More information is available by contacting McKinney at lelandm@ksu.edu.

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Thelma Baldock, Delphos sent in this recipe for a quick and tasty treat.

CINNAMON BATTER BREAD

1 pkg. yeast (2 1/4 teaspoons)
2 teaspoons instant potatoes
1 1/4 cups warm water
4 tablespoons oil
3/4 cup sugar (divided)
1 teaspoon salt
2 3/4 cups flour (divided)
1 1/2 teaspoons, cinnamon
1/2 cup raisins or nuts (optional)
Dissolve yeas and 1/4 cup sugar in warm water, add 1 3/4 cups flour, potatoes, salt and oil. Beat 3 minutes then stir in the 1/4 cup flour, then stir in the raisins and nuts if used. Cover, let rise until doubled. Spray a 9x13 inch pan with non-stick cooking spray. Spread dough in pan. Let set for 5 minutes. Sprinkle this topping over dough.
3 tablespoons margarine
1/2 cup sugar
1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon
Lightly press topping on dough. Let set 5 minutes. Bake at 375 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh:
LEMON
PEA SALAD
1/4 cup whipping cream
1/4 cup sour cream
1/2 teaspoon Dijon mustard
1/4 teaspoon grated lemon peel
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
4 cups fresh peas or 3 cups frozen sweet peas, cooked, cooled
1/2 cup cheddar cheese diced
In bowl, combine all ingredients except peas and cheese, blend well. Add cooked peas and cheese, mix well. Refrigerate 2 hours or overnight to blend flavors.

Mary Longren, Holton
FUNNEL
CAKES
Sift together in a bowl:
1 1/3 cups flour
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon soda
2 tablespoons sugar
3/4 tablespoon baking powder
Mix together in a separate bowl:

1 egg
2/3 - 1 cup of milk
Add to the dry mixture and beat until smooth.
Hold finger over the bottom of a funnel, pour in some batter, remove finger and let batter drop in a spiral motion into a skillet filled with 1 inch of hot oil (375 degrees). (Using a container with a small opening is best). Fry until golden brown, turning once. Remove from pan and drain. Sprinkle with powdered sugar. Serve HOT. Enjoy! I got this recipe over 30 years ago from a friend who got it in Silver Dollar City in Branson, Missouri. When you make these, your whole family will be impressed!

Mary Rogers, Topeka
MARY'S
BAKED BEANS
1 pound bacon cut into 1-inch pieces
1 medium onion, chopped
1 31 oz. can or two 15 oz. cans pork and beans in tomato sauce
1/2 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup ketchup
2 teaspoons mustard
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
1/4 teaspoon chili powder
Fry bacon until crisp. Drain. Cook onion in reserved hot bacon drippings about 5 min or until tender. In greased 2 qt. casserole combine pork and beans, bacon and the onion. In a small bowl, mix brown sugar, ketchup, mustard, garlic and chili powder. Pour mixture over beans, stir gently to coat. Bake uncovered in a 350-degree oven for 50-60 min. Stir gently before serving.

Sandy Hill, Eskridge,
sent the following summer menu.
THE BEST TOSSED GARDEN SALAD
1 head lettuce, torn
1 head cabbage, shredded
6 green onions, sliced
1 green pepper, chopped
3 tomatoes, chopped
1 to 2 cucumbers, peeled and chopped
1 cup celery, chopped
1 cup radishes, sliced
1/2 cup carrots, grated
Combine ingredients in a large mixing bowl, toss with dressing before serving. Serves 4 to 6.
Dressing
1 cup mayonnaise
1/2 cup sugar
1/4 cup vinegar
1 to 2 teaspoons mustard
Salt and pepper to taste
Combine all ingredients, mix well.
CHEDDAR-GARLIC BISCUITS
2 1/2 cups biscuit baking mix
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
3/4 cup milk
1/8 teaspoon garlic powder
1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons butter, melted and divided
1/2 teaspoon garlic salt
1/2 teaspoon dried parsley
Combine baking mix,

cheese, milk, garlic powder and 2 tablespoons butter, mix well. Form 1/4 cup mixture into a ball, place on an ungreased baking sheet. Repeat with remaining mixture. Bake at 400-degrees for 14 to 16 minutes. Mix together remaining butter, garlic salt and parsley, brush over biscuits before serving. Makes 12 to 16.
These biscuits are really fast.
HAM & CHEDDAR BAKED EGGS
6 slices bread
2 cups cooked ham, diced
2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
4 1/2 oz. can chopped green chiles
1 tablespoon dry mustard
3 cups milk
8 eggs, beaten
1 teaspoon salt
Spray a 13"x9" baking pan with non-stick vegetable spray. Line the bottom with bread slices. Layer ham, cheese and chiles on top, sprinkle mustard over top. Combine milk, eggs and salt, pour over mixture. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Bake uncovered at 350-degrees for one hour or until center tests done. Serves 6 to 8.
Can garnish with sour cream and salsa if you'd like.

STRAWBERRY APPLE PIE
3 1-2 cups thinly sliced peeled Granny Smith apples (About 3 medium)
1 1/4 cup sliced fresh strawberries
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1/2 cup sugar
3 to 4 tablespoons flour
Pastry for double crust pie (9 inches)
Topping:
1/2 teaspoon sugar
1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon
Whipped topping, optional
In a large bowl, combine the apples and strawberries, drizzle with lemon juice. Combine sugar and flour, sprinkle over fruit and toss lightly. Line a 9-inch pie plate with bottom pastry, trim edge with edge of plate. Add filling. Roll out remaining pastry to fit top of pie, place over filling. Trim, seal and flute edges. Cut slits in top. Combine sugar and cinnamon, sprinkle over pastry. Cover edges loosely with foil. Bake at 450 degrees for 10 minutes. Reduce heat to 350 degrees, remove foil and bake 35 to 40 minutes. Use whipped topping if you like.
This is really a good pie with less sugar. My family likes it.

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Dining On A Dime: Tips To Saving At The Store

Cindy Williams, Meadowlark District Extension Agent shared the following suggestions for stretching the food budget.

The unsettled financial market is causing many to tighten their spending. Americans spend over half their food dollars on meals eaten away from home. This may be a good time to dust off the pots and pans and reintroduce yourself to the kitchen.

Here are some hints to cut costs in the kitchen:

1. Plan meals, then shop with a list. The average shopper spends 40 percent more on impulse purchases when shopping without a list. You're also likely to spend 50 cents more for

every minute you are in the grocery store beyond 30 minutes. Weekdays and early mornings tend to be less crowded, which lets you get in and out of the store quickly. Shopping with a list can save gas money as well by avoiding repeat trips to the store.

2. Think before you drink. Buy a reusable water bottle and fill it with water. Limit consumption of soft drinks and fancy coffee. These "extravagances" might be things to put on your gift "wish list" as the holidays approach.

3. Try store and generic brands which usually cost less than name brands.

4. Look for specials, sales and coupons in newspaper ads. Use coupons

only for foods you would normally eat, rather than for "extras."

5. Check your grocery receipt — sometimes there are valuable coupons on the back that help save money. Also, if you have access to a computer, check online for coupons.

6. Shop on double or triple coupon days when a store increases the value of coupons, or use grocery store loyalty cards as another source of savings.

7. Prevent food waste. Buy the types of food you know your family will eat and only the amount that can be consumed before it spoils.

8. Buy fresh fruits and vegetables in season when they are cheaper.

Key To Grilling Success: The Right Accessories

(NAPSA) — There's more to creating a memorable backyard barbecue than great food and a top-notch grill. Having the right grilling accessories at your fingertips can help all your meals go from the kitchen to the grill to the table faster, safer and tastier.

"Accessories can mean the difference between ordinary results and a brilliantly cooked meal," said chef Jamie Purviance, author of the new Weber cookbook, "Weber's Way to Grill." "They allow you to have more control over the food and the flames so that you can take better advantage of grilling's potential."

Here's a checklist of the top grilling accessories recommended by Purviance:

Tongs Rule

Tongs are essential but

you can never have just one. Grillers should use two separate pairs when cooking — one pair to handle raw food, a second pair to remove grilled food. Also, dedicate a third pair for rearranging charcoal if necessary.

Grill To Perfection

"If you have ever overcooked a fine cut of meat, you know the importance of a good digital thermometer," Purviance said. An instant-read thermometer is necessary for quickly gauging the internal temperature of meat when grilling. For the most accurate read, insert the thermometer into the thickest part of the cut and avoid touching any bone.

Make The Best Of Your Grill

"If you want to cook large hunks of meat — such as pork loins, whole chickens, turkey, duck and prime rib

— a rotisserie attachment is a good investment," said Purviance. "The advantage of a rotisserie is that the food slowly self-bastes as it rotates and absorbs the flavors of the fire." If your grill doesn't have a rotisserie attachment, Weber offers them for both gas and charcoal grills.

Baste Away

In the past, basting brushes were made of wooden or plastic handles and synthetic or natural boar bristles. "Today, many are made of stainless steel with silicone bristles that have beads at the tips to help load the brush with a sauce or marinade," said Purviance. "This new high-tech style can also go right into the dishwasher."

Fun Way To Stay Cool And Hydrated

(NAPSA) — Staying hydrated is important but it doesn't have to be boring. Adults should consume at least 48 ounces of fluids every day, and there are plenty of flavorful ways to help achieve this goal.

For example, Lipton tea can be a great way to remain hydrated and can serve as an integral part of an overall healthy weight management plan. When consumed on its own, without milk or sugar, tea can be an excellent, great-tasting substitute for other beverage choices that are high in calories.

"Tea is a very versatile drink," says personal trainer and fitness expert Bob Greene. "Not only are there many flavors, but it can be prepared to your liking. You can refresh with a cold glass of iced tea or relax at home with a warm green tea."

In addition to providing hydration, tea is also a natural source of flavonoid antioxidants, which help protect your cells from the effects of free radicals and help reinforce the body's natural defenses.

To keep you and your family hydrated, Greene offers the following tips:

1. Thirst is a sign of dehydration. Drink throughout the day, not just when you get thirsty. Think proactively about incorporating tea into your daily routine.



2. Daily fluid requirements can change according to your exercise intensity and the weather, so don't be alarmed if you find yourself thirstier at different times.

3. Headaches, dry eyes, drowsiness and even muscle cramps are all signs of inadequate fluid consumption. To avoid these symptoms, keep beverages with you at all times.

4. Keep it fun by mixing up your beverage intake with this delicious, fruity Green Tea Citrus Sangria, delicately sweetened with honey:

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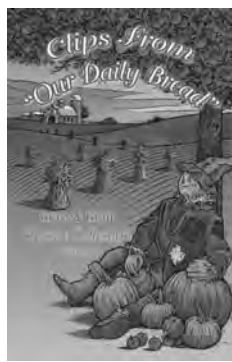
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Hey Neighbor For The Love Of Horses

By Frank J. Buchman

Horses Important In Outback Country Too, Visitor Informs Old Time Rodeo Buddies

"It's in the Gene's." That's intended to be a pun. Perhaps, "Like father, like son," or "A chip off the ole block" might be more comprehensively descriptive to many. Regardless, the three sons of Gene Cox take after their dad. At least, they do in their horse interests and abilities. That name may not be well known in this country these days, but horse enthusiasts will know one of his sons. Chris Cox, originally from Australia and typically introduced that way, is a world-renowned, in-demand horse clinician based in Mineral Wells, Texas. "Don't blow me up, it's my sons. Chris is the one you should be talking to, not me," Gene insisted during a recent visit to Kansas. "All of my boys are excellent horsemen. They're so much better than I ever thought of being. It's them you need to feature," emphasized Gene, who was originally from Florida. "I came to the Flint Hills when I was stationed at Fort Riley," Gene explained. "I competed in rodeos while I was here, and I made lifetime friends. We've remained in contact all of this time."

After the service, Gene returned to home-area ranching operations near Kissimmee, Florida. "A black rat chased me out, and we moved to Australia," Gene, 74, claimed. Although he made the statement jokingly, the cowboy clarified that when Mickey Mouse and Disney World came into the area, Gene moved his family to the outback cattle country. One of those who remained in contact with Gene was Dusty Anderson, Skiddy cowboy who passed away just a year ago. "Dusty called me regularly, and kept me updated on the other cowboys in the Flint Hills," credited Gene, who spent time visiting Cheese Martin of Scranton and Bob Alexander and Wayne Alexander, both of Council Grove, among others, during his month-long visit back to "the states." A portion of Gene's stay was in the ranch home of Wayne Alexander at Council Grove. He also stayed with Wayne's daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and J.B. Sharp, in Topeka. "When you've been gone as long as I have, the time really flies when you come back and try to catch up on all of the good old days with your friends," Gene admitted. Time was spent with Chris Cox, some at his ranch near Mineral Wells, Texas, and also with namesake, Gene, who still lives near Kissimmee. The third son, Lamar, is in the state of Queensland in Australia, where the elder Gene is now headquartered. "All three are outstanding horsemen. They've done it on their own and all surpassed me. Chris has certainly perfected the art of horsemanship," Gene credited.

Steer wrestling was the event which Gene excelled in most while living in this country. "I sold him a couple of good bull dogging horses, and he took one of them to Cal Poly University at San Luis Obispo, California, when he rodeoed on the team there after he got out of the service," Wayne Alexander related.



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Down Under cowboy Gene Cox has vast ranching operations in Australia. Father of renowned clinician Chris Cox, Gene, a Florida native, was in Kansas recently visiting with several cowboys he rodeoed with while stationed at Fort Riley more than five decades ago.

While stationed at Fort Riley, Gene was asked by Dusty Anderson to train a colt for him, according to a story told by Wayne. "Gene was riding out across the bombing range when he saw a big ole black snake, got off his horse and caught the snake. But when Gene got

back on his horse, the colt didn't care for that snake and proceeded to buck Gene off in short order.

"However, Gene kept ahold of the snake, got back on the horse and took the snake to his quarters. That night, Gene took the snake to a bar there in Junction

City, and when he let him out in front of those other soldiers, they cleared out of that place like a bomb had struck. That Gene has always been quite a character," Wayne analyzed.

Gene also roped successfully, and his sons have followed in that endeavor. "All three boys rope. Gene and Lamar have won some of the biggest team ropings around. Chris ropes well, too," Dad verified. "I don't rope anymore, but I did join a trail ride out in California with Chris."

Actually Gene's visit started in California because Chris had signed them up for the annual Charro Ride through a rugged part of northern California. "We not only rode the trails, but also camped out and did our own cook-

ing. It was really something," Gene described.

At the time of his move to Australia, Gene took his wife, three sons and his 93-year-old grandmother. "The way I remember the story, he bought a boat and sailed over 1,300 miles," Alexander recalled.

Gene then acquired vast grasslands, 70 to 100 square miles, depending on whose version it is. Pastures were in the northeast part of the country, and land was also operated in New Guinea. Due to strict quarantine regulations and complicated logistics, Gene did not take any cattle over from this country. All were acquired upon arrival there.

"I was in the cattle business running steers and then got in the cow business," Gene commented.

"The grass varies by locale. It takes 30 acres to a pair in some regions, but then in other locations, we can run a head to an acre.

"There are some areas similar to the Flint Hills, but it doesn't get as cold. I can't take the below zero temperatures that I remember when I lived here," Gene added.

Actually, the country where Gene located originally was "isolated," he said, "We were 70 miles from town, so we didn't go there very often."

Rodeos weren't common

in that country when Gene moved there, but now there are more competitions, he informed. "I always used horses in working my cattle, but just like I understand it is here in the United States, four-wheelers have replaced horses in many operations," Gene admitted.

With just "a couple of horses" now, Gene "had a lot of horses" during his prime years, "dealt some" in horses, too, and his sons are following in those footsteps. "The boys have all traded

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Sooty molds in wheat often cosmetic, but make for dirty job, according to disease expert

Heavy late spring rains have triggered reports of sooty molds in wheat from eastern and central Kansas, according to Kansas State University plant pathologist Erick De Wolf. "In most situations sooty molds are considered to be a cosmetic problem and will not result in any reduction in yield," said De Wolf, who specializes in wheat diseases for K-State Research and Extension. "However, if wet weather persists, the fungi can begin to colonize the kernels, resulting in small dark lesions known as black point. Black point symptoms can reduce grain quality."

No management of sooty molds is possible or needed, he said. Fields with an

abundance of sooty molds will make harvest operations a dirty job, because the black spores are disturbed and blown into the air by the combines. Individuals with severe mold allergies should take precautions to minimize exposure to the dust and spores produced during harvest. Symptoms of sooty mold include a dark olive green or black fungal growth on the heads of mature wheat. The small mold patches are superficial and randomly distributed on the glumes, chaff and awns. The fungi that cause sooty molds are common. They specialize in the decomposition of plant debris and are often among the first to colonize the dead tissues of mature plants.

"Interestingly," De Wolf said, "the distribution of sooty molds can provide insights into other production problems that were previously unidentified. For example, when sooty mold is found in patches within a field it suggests that these plants matured earlier and have weathered longer than the other areas of the field. Clearly, many things can cause

wheat to mature early including standing water, dry soil conditions, fertility problems, or diseases such as barley yellow dwarf. In many cases, plants that matured early will have smaller kernels. In most cases, however, the sooty mold was not responsible for the reductions in grain fill, but is simply an indicator of other earlier problems."



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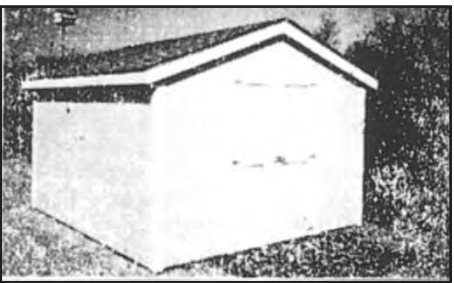
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Homeground & Other Geographies by Tom Parker

Art off the back porch

Art is one of those things that you either get or you don't. A more vague or indefinite statement may well prove difficult to voice, but there you have it: ruminations on a morning of thunder and lightning and a broad anvil-shaped cloud luminous in the dawn's early light. But, alas, no rain.

I've been thinking a lot about art and what it means not only to me but to the long course of human history. While schools across the country are cutting art and music programs using the economy as an excuse, this might be a good time to consider the deeper implications before depriving the younger generation of an appreciation and understanding of what is nothing less than the soul of a people.

In my case, art was something I had little time for until I became interested in photography in my early twenties. Literature was my specialty, itself an art form only not as visual. But age changes us in surprising ways. The older I get the

more art resonates with me, whether from its intrinsic loveliness or some other, indefinable, quality. Nor am I limited to just one or two mediums but find a sense of startling recognition in painting, sculpture, etching, pottery, photography, architecture and anything else that comes my way. But standing in front of Edgar Degas' *Little Dancer of Fourteen Years* at the St. Louis Art Museum last week knocked something loose inside of me, leaving me a little short of breath, not a little puzzled and craving to return.

It was a long drive there and back but worth it. Actually seeing firsthand the

works of Renoir, Van Gogh, Monet and Bierstadt was revelatory, the colors so vivid and fresh it was as if the artists had just walked away, the paint still damp and unfaded. We wandered through aisles with works from ancient Rome and Greece, Asia, Africa and Oceania, some iconic and others new to us, upstairs, downstairs and back, and each roundtrip brought me unerringly back to Degas. The girl stood there with one leg out, arms behind her back, her face a mask of seriousness and poise, eyes half-closed with a look of utter absorption. As was I and others standing around, mesmerized by something

we could neither name nor even understand. Art the ineffable humbler, the common denominator that links us all.

No sooner had we left than I wanted to go back. I reasoned that if the first time was revelation, it was also overwhelming; the second time would be on a more intimate level. Time constraints placed us elsewhere, and before I knew it we were driving into Blue Rapids and home.

Since our return I've watered and weeded the garden,

mowed the yard, watched a young brood of wild rabbits cavort and dance in the slanting light of evening, and, late one night at the stroke of midnight, stood listening to what sounded like hundreds of gray tree frogs screaming from the woods. Mornings are lush with the season's first cricketsong, a sweet, lulling susurrant as refined and delicate as Beethoven's Ninth Symphony or John Luther Adams' Alaskan

meditations. After Monet's lilypads and the masterful blend of soft pastels and form, shape, color and texture, the Kansas sky takes on a new complexity, but unlike paintings that remain static, the sky endlessly shifts and evolves into new ethereal landscapes that capture the eye and fire the imagination. This, too, is art, art on a grand scale, art right off my back porch. I think I'll stand here and watch a while.

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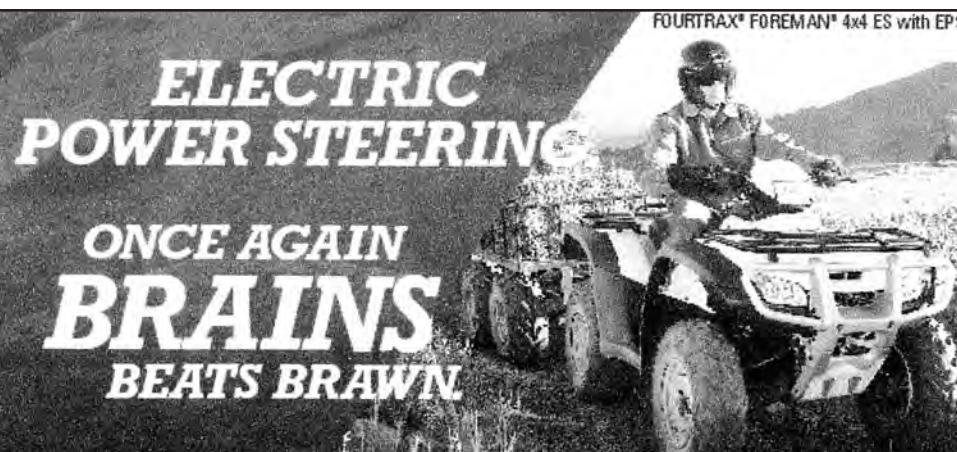
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vases; bisque figurines; assortment of glass; unusual tin lamp; Lincoln Co 1918 & 1901 atlas; Lincoln Co plat map; double scale; dog deco ash tray; dollies; Rheem water heater clock; Pepsi plastic clock; copper ware; Time Life Civil War books; large assortment of good early books; Western books; Life magazines; assortment costume jewelry; cowboy hats; aluminum ware; cookie cutters; wash board; kitchen items; large assortment of other collectables.

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See last week's Grass & Grain for complete listing.

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Aussie Nebraska's increase in irrigated acreage puts state first in the nation

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horses on different levels," Gene qualified.

Although he now handles cattle on a limited basis, Gene has "bought property on the coast. It's real good real estate." With intentions to subdivide and merchandize that acreage, he'll likely "buy some more cattle" and possibly lease out portions of the grasslands for cattle grazing during the process.

"I'm slowing down, but I still like to deal with livestock."

Although likelihood is slim, Gene hopes all of his cowboy friends in this country will "fly down and visit me, too."

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While the number of irrigated acres is dropping in many parts of the country, it continues to rise in Nebraska, which now ranks first in the nation.

Some areas of the state are over-irrigated, however, and significant limitations on future irrigation are looming, said Bruce Johnson, University of Nebraska-Lincoln agricultural economist.

By the end of 2007, Nebraska had 8.5 million acres under irrigation, Johnson wrote in the June 10 issue of "Cornhusker Economics." Nebraska added 560,000 acres from 1997 to 2002 and another 930,000 acres between 2002 and 2007.

The most recent U.S. 2007 Census of Agriculture, released in February, shows Nebraska now has more irrigated farmland acres than any other state, accounting for about one of every six acres of U.S. irrigated farmland.

The increase puts cer-

tain areas of the state at risk for being over-appropriated, Johnson said. Some 30,000 irrigated acres may have to be changed to dryland acres as a result.

"We have a very precious water resource in this state ... and we're developed pretty much to the max," he said in an interview. While it is not surprising that Nebraska has been in an irrigation expansion mode for several years, what is surprising is that other major irrigation areas of the country have reduced irrigated acreage, Johnson said.

California, which historically has been first in irrigated acres, dropped 900,000 acres between 1997 and 2007, with the bulk of that decline between 2002 and 2007. Johnson attributed the drop to multiyear drought conditions and an ever-growing demand for

water by the state's metropolitan areas. California's irrigation acres stood at 8.2 million in 2007, down from 8.71 million in 2002.

Among other major irrigation states, only Arkansas has experienced consistent growth over time, Johnson said. Texas, which shares part of the vast Ogallala Aquifer with Nebraska, reduced irrigation on about 750,000 acres between 1997 and 2007 as aquifer levels have declined due to overuse.

Not only does Nebraska's volume of irrigated acreage account for about one of every six acres of irrigated land in the United States, the quality of the state's irrigated agriculture is impressive as well, Johnson said.

Three of every four irrigated acres is under center-pivot irrigation. In 2005, an estimated 52,000 center-

pivot systems operated in Nebraska, and that number has only increased, he said.

Nebraska's irrigated acreage is spread across all 93 counties, but considerable variation is seen. Areas of the state not over the Ogallala Aquifer, such as extreme southeast Nebraska, and areas with more marginal cropland like the western Sandhills region, have limited acres under irrigation. In other counties, the majority of cropland is irrigated.

Custer and Lincoln counties experienced the largest increases in the 10-year time period - 61 percent and 56 percent, respectively.

"Although Nebraska is

the leading state in irrigation, the state has essentially reached its maximum development limits," Johnson wrote. "Major portions of Nebraska are already designated as either fully appropriated or over-appropriated."

The Nebraska Legislature this year passed a law putting significant restrictions on further groundwater development for irrigation purposes.

"In short, there is no more development frontier," Johnson wrote. "From now on, Nebraskans, from the individual water user up through our policy arena, will need to wisely manage our water resources for a sustainable future."

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July 6 — Real Estate-Wabaunsee Co. at Harveyville for Mildred (Robertson) Haney. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auctions.

July 6 — Real Estate at Manhattan for Raymond Kelley. Auctioneers: Vern Gannon Auctions.

July 7 — Ottawa Co. Land at Minneapolis for Ruth S. Geisen Trust, Gay E. Geisen Trust & Cynthia D. Geisen. Auctioneers: Burr/Carlson Farm & Ranch Realty, Broker, Roger A. Johnson.

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July 9 — Commercial Real Estate at Salina for Gary & Mary Gleason. Auctioneers: Oml & Assoc. Auctions.

July 11 — Antiques, collectibles, household, misc. at Clay Center for John & Cenith Cowing. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

July 11 — Real Estate, fur-

niture, shop items, guns & misc. at Wamego for Jerry Repp. Auctioneers: Vern Gannon Auctions.

July 11 — Collectibles & household at Clifton for Ann Lutz. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott, Lee Holtmeier & Luke Bott.

July 11 — Tractor, backhoe, restaurant equip., golf cart, tools, antiques, collectibles & misc. at Narka for Vern & Susan Holmes. Auctioneers: Novak Bros. & Gieber.

July 11 — Art, antiques, collectibles & household at Vesper for Charles & Audrey Smith Estate. Auctioneers: Bob Thummel Auctions.

July 12 — Truck, tractor, construction tools, household & collectibles at Abilene for Mr. & Mrs. Scott Kolling. Auctioneers: Reynolds, Mugler & Geist.

July 13 — Real Estate at Alma. Auctioneers: Murray Auctions & Realty.

July 13 — Osborne Co. farmland at Osborne for Randall K. Miller Rev. Living Trust. Auctioneers: Wolters Auctions.

July 18 — Farm machinery, tools, misc. NE of Abilene for Duane Reilly. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

July 18 — After Harvest Machinery Auction at Clay Center. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service.

July 18 — Antiques, collectibles & furniture at

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July 25 — Annual Sale E. of Atchison. Auctioneers: Scotty Hall Auctions.

July 25 — Farmland at Hanover for Schwartz Family Partnership. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

July 26 — Antiques, shop equipment & household for Rose Payne & Debbie Hill. Auctioneers: Auctioneers: Raymond Bott, Lee Holtmeier & Luke Bott.

August 1 — Consignment Auction at Lyndon for Harley Gerdes.

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August 8 — Tools, shop related items, household goods, antiques & misc. at Clay Center for George Urban Estate. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

August 15 — Farm machinery auction at Delia for Bob & Ann Macha. Auctioneers: Harris Auctions.

August 22 — Tools, household goods, antiques, misc. at Clay Center for Carl Swenson. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

August 31 — Farm machinery & misc. S. of Abilene for Gene & Cindy Hoffman. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

September 7 — 14th Annual Labor Day Consignment Auction at Lyndon for Harley Gerdes.

September 27 — 29th annual Cooper Quarter Horse sale at Emporia for Cooper Quarter Horses. Auctioneers: Carey Macy.



Reserve grand champion owned female went to Nicholas Quinlan, Grantville.

K-State Extension veterinarian reminds horse owners to vaccinate

This summer's warmer weather has horse owners out riding, tending to foals, heading to shows and other activities. In the midst of it all, a Kansas State University veterinarian is reminding owners to make sure their horses are vaccinated.

"Rabies, tetanus, western and eastern equine encephalomyelitis and West Nile virus are the four core vaccines recommended for all horses by the American Association of Equine Practitioners (veterinarians)," said Larry Hollis, extension veterinarian with K-State Research and Extension. Rabies vaccination is recommended because people commonly put their hands in horses' mouths when placing the bit in their mouth. They could be exposed and not realize their horse had rabies if it died and they didn't have the brain sent in and tested for rabies.

More information is available by contacting Hollis at 785-532-1246 or lhollis@ksu.edu.



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Cowboys can be quite creative when hard times cut into the daily operating expenses. Take Roy's cousin BB. One of BB's heifers had come off his badlands and crossed onto Roy's pasture.

On that fateful day BB had driven his pickup and gooseneck trailer to Roy's place to pick him up Roy wasn't quite ready. His cinch had worn down to two flimsy cords. "Did you happen to bring an extra

cinch?" he asked.

"No," said BB, "But I can make one out of a gunny sack." He dumped the tire chains out of a greasy tow sack. Roy thought he had been around, but this ingenious thinking was a new wrinkle to him. Roy watched his cousin slip-knot one end through the offside cinch ring, then fold the other end over the tongue and through the ring on the left side ring and stitch it.

"This baling wire makes good thread," he explained.

Half an hour later they were pushing the heifer back toward BB's piece of the Pine Ridge Rez.

"Keep her to the bad land side," instructed Roy. "Don't let her get over on the prairie dog side or we'll lose her!"

Of course, the heifer took off in the direction of the prairie dog town!

"Rope her!" yelled Roy.

BB missed but Roy was right behind and caught her. He was tied hard and fast!

"See if you can catch the heels," said Roy.

BB missed several times, but in his defense the heifer was windmilling like a carnival ride!

"Hold up," yelled Roy.

"Swap horses with me and hold the head. I'll take your rope and heel her. We'll tie her down and go get the trailer." A great plan.

BB eased over and they traded horses. Just about the time Roy started building a loop, the heifer, tired of the harassment, started up BB's rope! "Pick up yer slack!" yelled Roy, "Pick up yer slack!"

Too late! The heifer rammed into BB, still on Roy's horse, more importantly still in Roy's saddle, bounced off and headed straight away from the scene of the crime!

The gunny sack cinch had slackened considerably. BB reflected later that they do stretch for a couple days. When the heifer hit the end of the line, the saddle slicked off

right over the horse's head with BB still in the stirrups! He hit the ground, made a couple bounces, grabbed the horn, lost his stirrups and started spinning like a broken lure in a bass pond as he sailed along behind the galloping heifer! He made one gallant effort to pull himself back in the saddle but stuck his boot toe in a prairie dog hole and was peeled off like a booster rocket from Apollo 13!

Back at the ranch later that evening BB decided he would discard his patent application for the gunny sack cinch repair kit.

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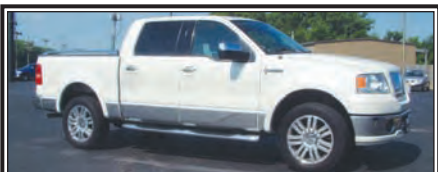
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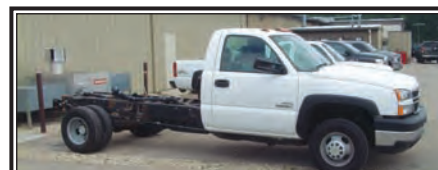
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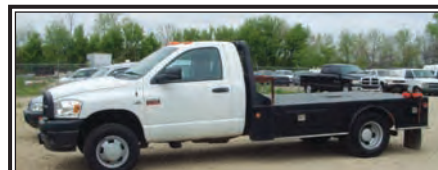
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